[27th March 1929

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" When is this matter going to be placed before this Committee, Sir ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" In the course of a few months, Sir."

Coconut gardens in the districts.

* 1925 Q.— Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of coconut gardens in each of the districts ;

(b) in how many and in which of them there are Government agricultural coconut farms ;

(c) the capital and annual cost of each such farm ; and

(d) whether it is proposed to establish any such farm in East Godavari district ?

A.—(a) The hon. Member's attention is invited to column 75 on page 11 of the Season and Crop Report of 1927–28.

(b) There are 4 coconut experiment stations in the South Kanara district, one at Kasaragod and three at Nileshwar.

(c) The capital cost of these stations was Rs. 28,441 and the annual recurring expenditure is Rs. 5,467 excluding the pay of the staff. Details are appended.[a]

(d) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" Is it a fact that there are extensive coconut gardens in East Godavari district ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I suppose there are, Sir."

Fisheries

Number, location and results of fish-curing yards.

* 1926 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number and places of fish-curing yards ;

(b) when each was started ;

(c) the results, direct and indirect, regarding progress achieved so far ; and

(d) whether the Government intend to increase the number ?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given on 19th March 1927 to his question No. 410. In addition to the 108 fish-curing yards the following yards have since been opened :—

Name of the fish-curing yard.	District.	Taluk.	Village.
Kirimanjeshwar.	South Kanara ..	Coondapoor ..	Kirimanjeshwar.
Moolky	Do. ..	..	..
Shiriya	Do. ..	Kasaragod ..	Shiriya.
Vekkode	Malabar ..	Ponnani ..	Vekkode.
N. Nattika ..	Do. ..	Do. ..	Nattika.
Pudiakadapuram.	Do. ..	Do. ..	Pudiakadapuram.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 1041–1042 infra.

(b) The Government have not got complete information.

(c) A general review of the working of the yards is usually embodied in the annual reports of the department to which the attention of the hon. Member is invited.

(d) The question of opening new yards will be considered if the people concerned make an application agreeing to provide at their cost a suitable site and bear the cost of building of the size and kind required. The buildings will, if necessary, be constructed at the expense of Government and the cost recovered from the curers in the usual manner, viz., in the shape of a cess on salt issued, until the cost has been fully recovered.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know whether at other places, the people supplied the site and also the cost of the buildings, Sir ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Yes, Sir."

Industries

Working of the Kerala Soap Institute.

*1927 Q.—Mr. K. Madhavan Nayar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Director of Industries has made any proposal for the future working or development of the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut ;

(b) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter ;

(c) what are the conditions on which students are admitted for training in the said institute ; and

(d) whether it is a fact that such admissions are denied to students who have capital or higher educational qualification ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Director of Industries proposed that the Kerala Soap Institute should be continued for a period of five years from 31st March 1929, so that it may, in addition to the training of students in soap manufacture, undertake the conduct of experimental work on essential oils, on refining and deodorization of oils and fats, on splitting of oils and fats and on imported hardened fats as a preliminary to taking up the hydrogenation of oils and fats, and that the experiments in essential oils should be started in 1929–30. The Government considered that it was not necessary to undertake these experiments at the institute and while negativing the proposals sanctioned the continuance of the institute till 31st March 1930 so as to enable a further batch of students being trained in soap manufacture.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to answer to question No. 1341 given on 1st February 1929.

(d) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 140, Development, dated 29th January 1927, appended to answer to question No. 1341 referred to in clause (c).